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**Madison to annex
Chouteau acreage**By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

The city of Madison is planning to annex approximately 600 acres on Chouteau Island, including the old Chain of Rocks Bridge and Chain of Rocks Landfill.

A series of eight ordinances annexing the properties are to be presented at the next Madison City Council meeting.

At Tuesday's meeting, City Attorney Casper Nighohossian told council members that notices have been sent to other taxing bodies about the proposed annexations, including Chouteau and Venice townships and the Granite City Library District.

He also said Waste Management Inc., which owns six of the properties to be annexed, has submitted petitions to the city asking for annexation.

"This is being done to bring the bridge into the city," Nighohossian said after the meeting.

He said that as part of a plan to turn the bridge into a bike and walkway, city officials told Missouri and Illinois officials it would attempt to annex the land to extend city fire and police services to the area.

The city — which owns the bridge — is in the process of negotiating a long-term lease for the bridge with Gateway Trailnet, a nonprofit land-trust attempting to turn the bridge into a bike trail.

Gateway has applied for grants through the Illinois Department of Natural Resources to start work on the project, which will cost more than \$3 million.

The annexations were made possible earlier this year when Sen. Evelyn Bowles, D-Edwardsville, was able to add an amendment to a Republican-sponsored bill to

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— Glenn O'Bryan
Waste Management official

allow the annexations.

The amendment allows the city to bypass federally owned land to reach the Chouteau Island property.

Bowles was on vacation and could not be reached for comment, but earlier said she was especially proud to have been able to pass the legislation through the Republican-dominated legislature.

WMI Manager Glenn O'Bryan said the company had been working on the project for some time.

"We're working with Gateway Trailnet, and have been for many months," he said. "The target is the Chain of Rocks Bridge."

He said the company has also agreed to donate \$100,000 toward the restoration of the bridge, and will also donate easements for bike trails.

"It's just a nice partnership between Gateway Trailnet, Waste Management and the city of Madison," he said.

The property to be annexed extends from the southern end of the island to Interstate 270, and includes sections of the interstate because the city will be annexing adjoining property.



(Staff photo by JOHN FRESE)

Craft show — The Crafty Ladies at St. Bartholomew Episcopal Church, 22nd and Grand, will hold a craft show on Saturday from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. Pictured are, standing, Naomi Davis, Donna Davis, Father Bill Davis, Mary Martin and Virginia Jenkins, sitting.

**East Madison annexation:
Residents fight plan**By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

A standing-room only crowd was almost unanimously against a proposed annexation of East Madison by the city of Madison.

At a public hearing on the issue Tuesday at the Venice Township Hall, speaker after speaker told council members they were against the annexation. East Madison residents said they didn't need anything the city had to offer — especially sewers — and didn't want to pay higher taxes.

Madison residents said the city should try to help its current residents before adding anyone else — except for two women who didn't really care about the annexation, but said that if the area was not in the city then city police should not respond to calls there.

At the last council meeting, the council voted 6-2 to have City Attorney Casper Nighohossian draw up an ordinance annexing the area, located southeast of Harris and McCambridge.

Voting against the proposal were Aldermen Harvey Haynes, who could not attend Tuesday's hearing, and Norris Horton, who chaired the hearing.

Madison Mayor John Bellico said he was "violently" against the proposal, and promised to veto the ordinance.

However, six aldermen could



(Staff photo by SCOTT COUSINS)

Roy R. Cross, a resident of East Madison, voices his opposition to the proposed annexation by the city of Madison.

override a mayoral veto.

Nighohossian said state law gives the city the power to annex the area without the residents' approval because the city surrounds it and it is less than 60 acres. He said the ordinance would be presented at the Oct. 2 city council meeting.

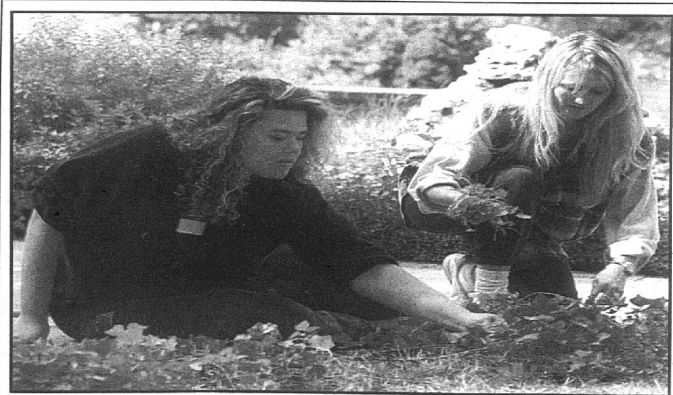
If annexed, the area would have to meet the city's building and zoning requirements. One of those requirements is

that residents have sewers. East Madison residents have septic tanks.

Residents said they had voted against installing sewers in the 1980s, and didn't want to change.

"I've lived out there 50 years and I don't want your sewers," said Vera Cook, who lives at the 1900 block of Skeen. "You don't have anything we want."

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(Staff photo by JOHN FRESE)

Helping out — Jackie Hoffman and Mandy Cathers clear out some of the grass and weeds growing in one of the flower beds lining the walkway through the Japanese Garden in Wilson Park. The two were taking part in a community-service project with the other students in their Job Skills class at Belleville Area College's Granite City Campus. More photos on Page 6A.

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John Fuller, Chief Meteorologist, KSDH-TV Channel 5

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Faces

Illinois State Police Sgt. Patti McDaniel of Granite City was recently installed as president of the Illinois DARE Officers Association, a group of 500 certified DARE officers in the state.

McDaniel is one of 30 original Illinois DARE officers who began teaching the drug- and violence-prevention program in January 1987. A 12-year veteran of ISP, she currently serves as the DARE section supervisor at the ISP Academy, training police officers in the DARE curricula.

She is active in the Association for the Protection of Animals and City Temple Assembly of God Church.



Patti McDaniel

**Police seeking
woman's identity**By Bob Slate
Staff writer

Granite City police are utilizing a photograph taken at an automated teller machine to try to identify a woman accused of stealing an Altam's ATM card.

"We would like for anyone who thinks they recognize this woman to call the detectives at 878-9027," said Granite City police detective Tom Paul.

The woman is described as five feet six inches tall and weighing about 120 pounds. She



Photo of woman taken at ATM machine.

News in review

News in review provides a summary of some of the past week's stories. This column is designed for out-of-town readers who do not receive the Sunday and Wednesday Press-Record/Journals.

Dumpers face vehicle loss

Granite City officials are ready to clamp down on people who illegally dump trash in the city.

The city's police department, in response to a request by Mayor Ron Selph and in cooperation with the Madison County State's Attorney's office, will attempt to seize vehicles of those caught dumping trash, tires or other debris in the city.

Last year, the city's sanitation department collected more than 5,000 tires illegally dumped in alleys. So far this year, about 2,000 have been collected.

Pay raise proposal defended

Giving pay raises to elected city officials may be politically unpopular, but the chairman of a Granite City Council committee says it is nonetheless necessary if the city wants to continue to attract quality candidates for office.

"We have a responsibility to do what is in the best interest of the city," said 5th Ward Alderman Eddie Asadorian, chairman of the City Council's Intergovernmental Committee. "It is in the best interest of the city to compensate elected officials at a level that will attract quality people to run."

School budget balanced

A balanced budget that should allow the district to be taken off the state's financial watch list was approved by the Madison School Board at Thursday's meeting.

At a public hearing before the meeting, Superintendent Gary Allison said he expects total expenditures of approximately \$7.9 million for the 1996-1997 school year. That is an increase of about \$450,000 from the previous budget.

TIF sought for golf complex

Pontoon Beach will examine the possibility of a second tax increment financing district to help with a development in the eastern part of the village.

At a special board meeting Wednesday, trustees approved a resolution to examine the feasibility of a TIF district. However, the resolution calls for the developer to have financing for the entire development in place before the TIF is implemented.

Village officials said Cletus Idoux of Granite City has proposed developing a golf course and housing complex for senior citizens on approximately 150 acres near the intersection of Illinois 162 and Interstate 255.

3 arrested at truck stop

Madison police are hoping recent arrests at Gateway Midstate Truck Plaza are sending the proper message — if you don't have legitimate business there, stay away.

On Sept. 13, a St. Louis woman was arrested and charged with prostitution.

On Sept. 18, two Springfield, Mo. women were charged with criminal trespass.

Judith Karen Andrews, 42, of St. Louis, was charged last week with prostitution after she was arrested at the truck stop.

In the other case, Cynthia L. Robinson, 18, and Destiny Lynn Dykes, 19, both of Springfield, Mo., were arrested Wednesday after being detained by security guards at the truck stop.

Both were charged with criminal trespass to land. Robinson was also charged with battery after allegedly spitting on a police officer as she was being handcuffed.

Garrett decries racism

Madison County Board member Don Garrett, D-Madison, said Wednesday that by allowing the Ku Klux Klan to hold a rally at the Madison County Courthouse in 1994 and not pursuing affirmative action, the county government is partially responsible for several recent racially-motivated crimes.

To correct the problems, he proposed barring radical groups from county property, creating an oversight committee to make sure proper hiring policies are followed, and to notify all county board members when vacancies and promotions come up.

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Mrs. Siebold's Bakery Granite City has baked up a batch of special cookies celebrating the city's founding 100 years ago. The cookies will be sold throughout the coming weeks as the Centennial Celebration winds to a close. Pictured here with some of the snacks are Ted Eilerman, president and CEO of St. Elizabeth Medical Center and chair of the Centennial Grand Finale; Mayor Ron Selph, Rosemarie Brown, co-chair of the Representative Steering Committee for the Centennial Celebration; and Mike Siebold, the baker of the cookies.

Grant Finale promises: Something for everyone

By Bob Slato
Staff writer

The Granite City Centennial Grand Finale event promises to be one area residents won't want to miss, event organizers say.

All of the prior events that have occurred in this Centennial year have been successful, so the pressure is on me to make this just as successful," said Ted Eilerman, president of St. Elizabeth Medical Center and chairman of the Grand Finale.

The event is slated to take place all day Saturday, Oct. 5, at the Charles Melvin Price U.S. Army Support Center.

Food and drink, music and dancing, games and prizes, crafts, shows, military re-enactments, tours and displays are just some of the activities and events planned.

"We have a full day of activities planned and we have something for everybody's interest that day," Eilerman said.

The day will kick off with a 5-kilometer run sponsored by the Illinois Department of Rehabilitation.

The 390th U.S. Army Marching Band from Fort Leonard Wood and the Bob Kramer Marchettes will assist Eilerman, Mayor Ron Selph, and army depot commander Lt. Col. Allan Chong in the opening ceremonies at 11:45 a.m.

The city's 100-year-old residents will be honored during the opening ceremonies and will help cut the largest birthday cake ever assembled in the metro area. The cake will feed up to 3,500 persons.

One hundred winners of the *Suburban Journals* "Kids Wishes for the City" contest will join in a balloon release. A joint blessing on the city will be offered by representatives of the city's churches. The Old Six Mile Museum will present a surprise for the audience.

FOOD AND DRINK — Ethnic and American foods, including roasted corn, smoked pork chops and chicken, tacos and many others, will be available throughout the day at 30 food booths. Area labor unions will compete in a chili cook-off from 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Samples will be available for 25 cents and samplers will cast votes for the best recipe. A beer garden will be open in the main stage area from 10:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.

MUSIC — A full day of non-stop music is planned. The schedule includes the 390th Army Band, featuring vocalist Lois Anderson-Busch, from 11 a.m. to noon; Jeannie Kittrell and the Jazz Incredibles from 1 to 2 p.m.; Stacey Collins and the Lucky Stars, a country-western band, from 2 to 3:30 p.m.; the big band sound of The Music Men from 3:30 to 5 p.m.; The Billy Peck Quartet will have a blues, jazz and rhythm & blues "Battle of the Bands" from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. The Moolah/Anad Temples Shrine Bag Pipe Corps will play throughout the day.

CRAFT SHOW AND ART EXHIBIT — Eight local artists — some nationally recognized — will exhibit paintings, sculpture, photography and decorated Ukrainian eggs. The work of Valerie Baker, Tony Betancourt, Brian Daniels, Mack Johnson, Larry Smothers, Sister Mary Thomas, Richard Suees, Susan Walton, and Charles and Ted Blaylock will be featured. Visitors may register to win a framed print by Walton.

Linda's Gallery is sponsoring the exhibit.

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES — Hay rides, a fish pond, petting zoo, pony rides, face painting and clowns are among the activities planned for children. The Madison County Humane Society will have puppies and kittens available for adoption.

DEMONSTRATIONS — Dance demonstrations from three ethnic groups — the Mexican Honorary Commission, the Polish Dancers and the Croatian Junior Tamburitza — will reflect Granite City's rich cultural heritage. Other demonstrations and displays include a vintage fashion contest, a police K-9 demonstration, the fire department smoke house, and a softball tournament.

McGinnis getting desperate?

Murder suspect Kelly L. McGinnis may be living off the land in a remote area and getting more desperate by the day, investigators say.

Investigators have come to that conclusion after mulling over scarce clues that have surfaced since the Greenville murder suspect disappeared Aug. 12.

U.S. Marshal Terry Delaney said McGinnis has some knowledge of the outdoors and access to camping equipment.

"I wouldn't say he was a survivalist, but he did have access to equipment," Delaney said. "No lead have surfaced that are traceable and he is somewhat familiar with remote areas of our country."

McGinnis has been a fugitive since the Aug. 12 murder of Greenville City Attorney Thomas Meyer, who was gunned down behind his law offices as he left work.

McGinnis has been charged in the murder and is the only suspect. He is believed to have shot Meyer because the attorney represented McGinnis' ex-wife in a recent divorce battle.

Delaney said two deputy marshals have been "all over the country" tracking McGinnis.

Greenville Police Chief John King said investigators have narrowed down behind his law offices as he left work.

"McGinnis' resources are going to be exhausted soon," King said. "He's going to have to make some kind of overt move."


King said his department has sifted through about 60 leads from the recent Unsolved Mysteries television show, which aired a five-minute segment Sept. 13 on the search for McGinnis.

He said he thinks that two or three of the leads are "very significant" and may help locate McGinnis.

King said he believes McGinnis is alive because the murder suspect has expressed anger at the justice system. In letters written to two newspapers dated Aug. 22, McGinnis said he saw "problems in my way" and "problems in my life" and "problems in my life."

"It's just a gut feeling," King said. "I think he (McGinnis) has issues he wants brought to light, and he won't kill himself until he tries to."

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Arbitrator weighing steel labor issues

Union, National Steel have submitted separate proposals; compromise possible

By Bob Slate
Staff writer

The partnership between National Steel Corp. and its union employees is apparently not as cooperative as it was three years ago.

A federal arbitrator is now considering separate proposals from the company and the United Steelworkers of America regarding unsettled issues — including employee wages, profit-sharing, insurance and pensions.

A company proposal that workers say would

have completely eliminated seniority and the job bidding process was withdrawn from the table prior to going to arbitration, sources said.

The arbitrator is scheduled to make a decision by mid-October. The two sides continue to negotiate and may reach a settlement prior to the decision, sources said.

Three years ago, when National Steel — the parent company of Granite City Steel — and the USWA ratified a new six-year contract, management and union officials said the pact heralded an unprecedented era of "cooperative

partnership" between National Steel and its workers.

But the contract contained a provision for a mid-term re-opener and the company chose earlier this year to exercise its option to renegotiate several issues.

The issue of wages, a company proposal to revise profit and gain-sharing, a company proposal that would increase workers' portion of insurance costs, a union proposal that would increase the company's contribution to pensions and a company "new work systems" pro-

posals were initially placed on the bargaining table, sources said.

While the two sides are not far apart on the issues of wages, insurance and pensions, issues involving employee security — the sticking point in negotiations between management and union machinists during a recently-resolved labor dispute at McDonnell Douglas Corp. in St. Louis that lasted more than 100 days — still concern workers, a source said.

The worker, who asked not to be identified, (See ISSUES, Page 11A)

Warfield steps down from council

By Bob Slate
Staff writer

Mac Warfield says the current Granite City City Council is the best he has worked with in his more than 15 years in city government.



Warfield, who was appointed in August to fill the vacant Madison County board seat in District 20, officially resigned Tuesday night from the City Council.

Warfield, who most recently served as chairman of the council's Finance and Street and Alley committees, thanked his fellow aldermen for their cooperation.

"This is probably the best council I've ever worked with," he said.

Mayor Ron Selph appointed Warfield — who had served as an alderman for three years and as street superintendent

for nearly 10 years — to the 6th Ward aldermanic seat in 1993 when then-alderman City Whitaker was appointed City Clerk. Warfield won re-election to the aldermanic post in 1995.

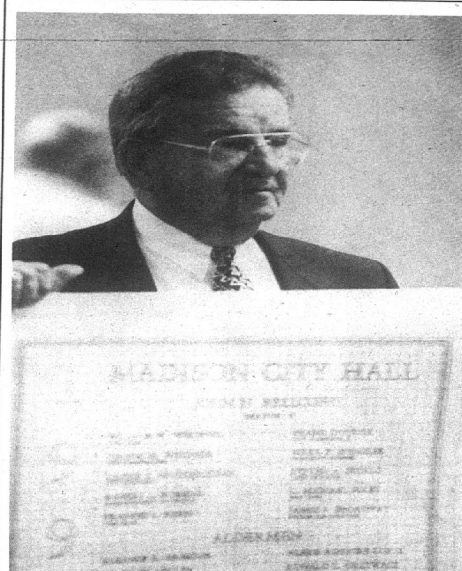
"Certainly we in the city will miss him," Selph said Tuesday night. "But we will keep the benefit of his representation (on the county board)."

Former Alderman Walter Milton Sr., a Pepsi employee, is reportedly the leading candidate to replace Warfield on the City Council, although Selph said Wednesday he has not made up his mind.

Postal service employee and school board member John Caudron, former Alderman Sharon Perjak and retired electrician John Fetish also expressed interest in the aldermanic seat after Warfield's county board appointment was announced.

But Caudron and Perjak have both told the Press-Record that they have withdrawn their names from consideration.

Selph said he may make the appointment at next Tuesday's council meeting.



(Staff photo by SCOTT COUSINS)
Madison Mayor John Bellcoff shows Madison aldermen plans for a plaque at the new city hall.

Madison gets ready for city hall move

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

Several ordinances and other matters relating to the new Madison city hall at 615 Madison Avenue were approved by the Madison City Council Tuesday.

Those include passing ordinances to establish the new city hall as the home for city council meetings, city offices and the police department.

Also approved were ordinances setting 30-minute parking limits near the city hall and an ordinance closing city hall for two days to allow offices to move and to purchase a house next to the city hall.

Aldermen also approved the purchase of a plaque for the building, and to have photographs taken of city employees to be displayed at the new city hall.

The city clerk's office will be closed from Friday, Sept. 27, to Monday, Sept. 30, to allow the move.

The police department will move later in the month, partly because of the difficulty in moving communications equipment, including the radio tower.

The council is required to amend city ordinances to change their meeting place. For the past several meetings the council has met at the Venice Township Hall.

The council also approved purchasing a house at 1436 Seventh Street for up to \$25,000. The house is now owned by Gary Mac-sala and will be demolished and used for parking.

Parking time on the west side of Madison Avenue between Sixth and Seventh streets is being made 30 minutes between 7 a.m. and 6 p.m. Monday through Friday.

In December the city purchased the old Lahey-Sedlack funeral home because plans to install an elevator at the present city hall on Third Street fell through.

The new building will have about twice the available space as the old city hall, and be handicapped-accessible.

City officials plan to hold the Oct. 3 council meeting at the new city hall.

Music is paired with a day at zoo

The St. Louis Zoo is teaming up with Classic 99, KFUP-FM, to offer families a day at the zoo with classical music.

This year's "Classics Go Wild" event, the second of its kind, will be held Saturday Sept. 28, from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. and will feature local musical and dance groups.

"Last year's event was such a success that we're really looking forward to this year," says KFUP General Manager Dennis Stortz. "This event provides a perfect setting for families to enjoy what St. Louis has to offer in great classical music and a world-renowned zoo." The day's activities are designed as a local observance of National Classical Music Month.

Music will range from songs performed by small groups like the Metro-East Junior Philharmonic Orchestra, the Kirkwood and Brentwood Symphony Orchestras to some of the area's largest musical ensembles like the Mighty Mississippi Concert Band.

Performances will be held at various locations throughout the zoo grounds.

In addition, there will be a special "Petting Zoo" where children may talk to the musicians, ask questions about the instruments, and actually handle and play the instruments.

For more information call the Zoo at 781-0900.

Werner gets tentative OK for expansion

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

The Pontoon Beach Village Board gave a tentative approval to plans by Ed Werner to expand his funeral home operations in Pontoon Beach.

In a Sept. 24 letter to the board, Ed and Barbara Werner said they wanted to install

a crematory at 4057 Oakmont Drive. They also want to remodel the property to install a six-car garage.

"The complex in the future will then be attached to Werner Chapel (at 3939 Lake Drive) creating one full-service facility," Werner said in the letter.

Werner must also obtain approval from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency.

In other business, the board took formal action on several items approved at a special board meeting last week — including a resolution to examine the feasibility of a tax

increment financing district in eastern Pontoon Beach.

The board also approved resolutions allowing a \$35,000 loan from the Motor Fuel Tax Fund to the general fund and also approved a sexual harassment policy.

All three matters had been dealt with at a special meeting last week, but the formal resolutions were presented at Tuesday's regular meeting.

Cletus Idoux of Granite City has proposed developing a golf course and housing complex for senior citizens on approximately 150 acres near the intersection of Illinois 162 and Interstate 255, and had

requested a TIF district.

In a TIF district, the amount of property tax revenue received by taxing bodies is frozen, and any increase goes into a fund that can be used only for improvements within the district.

At previous meetings, Idoux had requested the village finance part of the development with general obligation bonds, which village officials rejected.

The village now has one TIF district including both commercial and residential development.

In other business, the board approved annexing a 21-acre piece of property belonging to Ben and Veneda Warren along Illinois 111 near Crescent Industrial Park.

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THE LAW AND YOU

By RICK REED
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Recently a woman contacted this office and indicated that she had been involved in an automobile accident. According to her version of the facts, she was driving through an intersection, and a man approaching the intersection on her left ran a stop sign and struck the side of her car.

Following the collision, the man driving the car that ran the stop sign asked the woman not to call the police to the scene since he was financially stable and would take care of the damage to her car himself. She agreed not to call the police, and she took his name and address and phone number and left the accident scene.

Later that evening, her neck and back began to hurt. She went to the emergency room, and her medical condition was diagnosed as cervical strain. The next day she went to the police department and attempted to file a police report, but the police officer on duty refused to take an accident report after the fact.

The woman is now facing months of physical therapy, and under normal circumstances, she would be entitled to recover damages for the property damage to her car and for her personal injuries. Without a police report to confirm the accident, however, her case may be compromised.

In a similar case several years ago, a woman had her car stopped at an intersection, and her vehicle was struck from the rear by another car. The driver of the car at fault asked her not to file a police report. She complied with the man's request because she felt sorry for him.

The woman in this case had substantial injuries as a result of the impact. She was diagnosed as having a herniated disc, and eventually surgery was performed on her back. Under normal circumstances, this case would have been worth a substantial amount of money. The driver at fault, however, later denied that the accident occurred. Her ability to recover damages was seriously compromised by the failure to obtain a police report.

The lesson to be learned in these matters is that a driver should insist that a police report be prepared at the accident scene. If there is any potential for personal injury resulting from the accident, a police report is imperative.

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Commentary Salvi, Durbin offer a choice

It's nice to have a clear choice.

In the race to replace retiring U.S. Sen. Paul Simon, voters in Illinois have a clear choice between conservative Republican Al Salvi and liberal Democrat Richard Durbin.

Unlike the presidential race, where Bob Dole and Bill Clinton are flip sides of the same nonideological coin, Salvi and Durbin appear to disagree on almost everything except that they want to be a U.S. senator.

One of the sad facts in U.S. politics is that in most races for specific seats there is really not that much difference in candidates from the major parties.

While everybody has their hot-button issues, most set aside their extreme beliefs and we all have them on some issue or another, no matter how hard we try to kid ourselves — in favor of someone who sort of believes pretty much what they do.

And in a close election politicians will set aside almost any belief for a vote.

What we get then is candidates trying to pass off their watered-down beliefs to voters who wouldn't, shouldn't or can't trust them anyway.

In the presidential race, you have pseudo-conservative Dole who is about as moderate as can be co-opting up to the far right — an exercise in stupidity because who else are they going to vote for? On the Democratic side you have liberal Clinton — if you really want to know what a president's philosophy is look



Scott Cousins

at the party platform and his cabinet choices — who is trying to woo the mainstream by making as many conservative noises as he can. In an era of sound bites and television reporting that deals more with the style of a campaign rather than the substance, all that dancing around leaves voters confused because they really can't decide what a candidate really stands for. Then after they vote for the guy who sounds good, they become angry when he starts making decisions that don't quite sound like what he said during the campaign.

Thankfully in the Durbin-Salvi race the choice is clear.

Of course, most moderate voters will not like some of their stands on issues, but then the voters must decide what is most important to them or at least cast their vote for the lesser of two evils.

And when it's all said and done in November, someone will still be angry about the outcome, but at least we'll get what we voted for.

For a change, (Scott Cousins is a staff writer for the Granite City Press-Record/Journal.)

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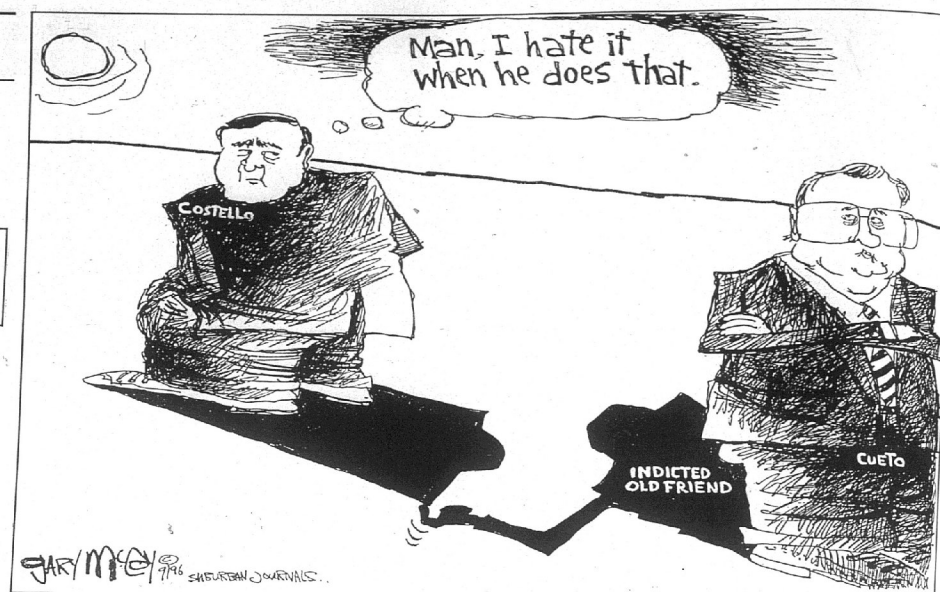
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Letters to the editor

State do have power on wages

TO THE EDITOR:

In the Sept. 12, 1996, issue of the Granite City Press-Record, a man named Edgar Butts wrote a letter entitled, "Minimum wage isn't his job."

The letter implied that the GOP challenger to Rep. Steve Davis is being unfairly criticized. Butts said the critics of Jim Mihalich need a civics lesson because his candidate "will never have an opportunity to vote for or against minimum wage increases because that's the job of the U.S. Congress."

I feel compelled to respond to Butts in several areas: First, I did pretty well in civics class. Apparently Butts did not do as well as he implies in his comments. Well, if you got your head out of the sand, you would be aware that a raise in the minimum wage in our neighboring state of Missouri is currently being considered. In fact, any state in the union can raise or lower the minimum wage so long as it does not go below the federal level... and several have already done so.

Butts said the real issue is

jobs. I agree partly. The real issue is jobs that pay a living wage, not the \$9-10,000 per year the minimum wage currently guarantees. This is \$2,000 to 3,000 below the poverty level for a family of three.

Steve Davis stands for jobs alright. But not just the low wage jobs the "trickle down economy" of Reagan and Bush. He wants fair treatment for the working class.

The last point I want to note is about Butts' statement that Mihalich will never have an opportunity to vote for or against the Minimum Wage "because that's the job of the U.S. Congress." That's just fine with me! I don't plan on him even serving as an Illinois legislator.

GARY W. GAINES
Granite City

What price do we put on life?

TO THE EDITOR:

What is the price we put on life? We come into the world from our mother's womb first covered with blood.

Sometimes the blood clings to us throughout our life span. Men and women fight tiring wars so some in our

government may feed and nourish their blown-up egos.

Oh, but the wars are fought in the name of peace! What price is peace?

Does not peace begin at home?

We squander billions and billions to fight wars in foreign lands for peace.

Have we not had a dreadful war with drugs, alcohol, with cancer, with AIDS, rape and murders of our children, mothers and fathers? How much do we spend on this?

We spend trillions to explore other spaces and time. What's wrong with our own space, our own time? Yet we call this progress!

My dictionary tells me progress is an advancement toward perfection. Are we anywhere near perfection in our own space?

And so I ask once again:

What price do we place on life?

Is not life a miracle, given to us by a creator more powerful than any bomb, rocket or war? Why do we waste it? Why do we make a mockery of human life?

For what price? I have knelt at the tomb of an unknown soldier who fought and died in the name of peace. But was it for peace, or was it for money, greed, politics and to make a name for our government? What price?

ANTHONY LOHAGEN SR.
Granite City

FDA takes aim at tobacco

TO THE EDITOR:
As a volunteer for the American Lung Association of Illinois, the nation's oldest vol-

untary health agency, I am writing to support the most aggressive and courageous public policy proposal ever put forward to deal with our nation's largest pediatric epidemic: tobacco use.

On Aug. 23, 1996, the Food and Drug Administration issued its final rule aimed at limiting youth access to tobacco product and reducing the appeal of these cancer-causing products to the youth of America.

Almost every American has been personally affected by the loss of a family member, friend, co-worker or neighbor to a tobacco-related illness. In fact, every year, tobacco-related illnesses claim nearly 20,000 lives in Illinois alone.

The average age when a person in Illinois first experiments with a cigarette is just 12 years old.

Nearly 80 percent of all new smokers in Illinois begin before they turn 18 years old. Tobacco products contain nicotine, an addictive drug, as well as many other toxic chemicals. These products are widely available to children.

How can there be any question that the FDA should regulate tobacco products?

Show your support for the FDA's new rule, and protect our children from the single deadliest, most preventable cause of death in America: tobacco.

Ask your legislators to protect our children, not the tobacco industry. Help ensure a future for our children full of healthier lungs and longer lives.

MADELAINE MARTINO LUTHER
Collinsville

Comments from Carol They'll smoke if they want to

Way back in the dim mists of history, I remember seeing an early movie version of "Ben Hur."

At least I'm pretty sure it was "Ben Hur," because there was a chariot race scene in it and, additionally, I saw it during a fairly brief residency in Crawfordsville, Ind., a town that pays overwhelming tribute to Gen. Lew Wallace, Civil War general and author of the book.

At any rate, the chief reason I remember the movie wasn't the chariot scene but its depiction of the plight of lepers in Biblical times.

According to the film, these pitiful victims of the disease were shunned and feared by those in good health. They lived in isolation except for their fellow sufferers, and were forced to wear or carry bells and announce themselves in public as "unclean."

A few weeks ago, two of my friends and I got a little taste of how those poor lepers must have felt. In terms of our reaction, "annoyed" just doesn't say it.

One of the ladies (in whose taste in food I place utmost trust) had, about a week earlier, dined with her husband at a restaurant in St.



Carol Clarkin

Charles and had nothing but rave reviews of the food. So, the three of us decided to lunch there.

We were lucky to find a parking space just steps away from the door and entered to find the place empty.

I think we counted eight people having lunch. Bert recognized the pastry chef (apparently acting as maitre de) and asked for a table for three, smoking section. We're all smokers.

The man, who had less than seven evenings earlier, fawned on her, complimenting her on a beautiful tan, glanced at our trio and with superb *hauteur* informed us that smoking was not allowed during the lunch hour.

"Excuse me!" she

responded, "But my husband and I were here for dinner last week and were seated in a smoking section."

"Ah, yes, but that was dinner. It's simply not allowed during lunch," he replied.

Her temper, he explained, was admirably restrained as she then asked, "Well, can you recommend a good restaurant in the old district where we can smoke?"

Brushing an invisible speck of dust from his cuff, he offhandedly said, "Oh, but I make it a practice never to comment on food in the other restaurants."

We were dismissed, no question. And, of course, we found another restaurant. One with a smoking section.

All three of us realize that smoking is a threat to our health. We hold no brief for the harmlessness of tobacco. I, at least, believe it can cause, or contribute to, the development of all the life-threatening hazards of which the surgeon general warns us.

I think people are far better off if they never begin smoking and I consider nicotine addictive.

Having said all that, my friends and I believe it's our

personal choice. And we're all three old enough to make that decision. If something bad happens to us (and it might), we have no one to blame but ourselves. Okay?

If, for example, we know an eating place, cafe, tearoom, is smoke-free, we can make our own decision as to whether or not we can do without that cigarette long enough to enjoy a meal there.

Chances are, we'll say "no way," but not necessarily.

What we would like to see is a consistent pattern in the rules. If it's "No Smoking," fine. We choose.

But we question the common sense of providing a smoking section for those dining in the evening but refusing to provide the same facilities for the luncheon guests.

And equally important, what's happened to a little civility, common courtesy? This arrogant man could have recommended another restaurant; he certainly wasn't going to get our custom, and

Oh, well. Next time we lunch by doing so, my friend would have continued to recommend his food to others.

Together, we'll remember to wear our warning bells.

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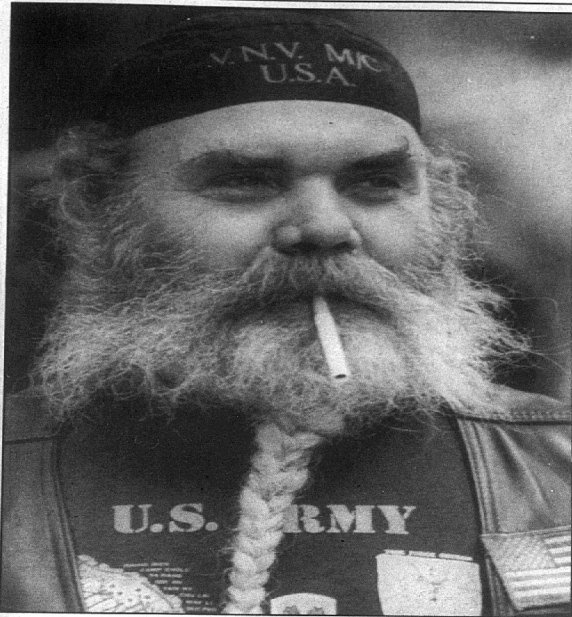
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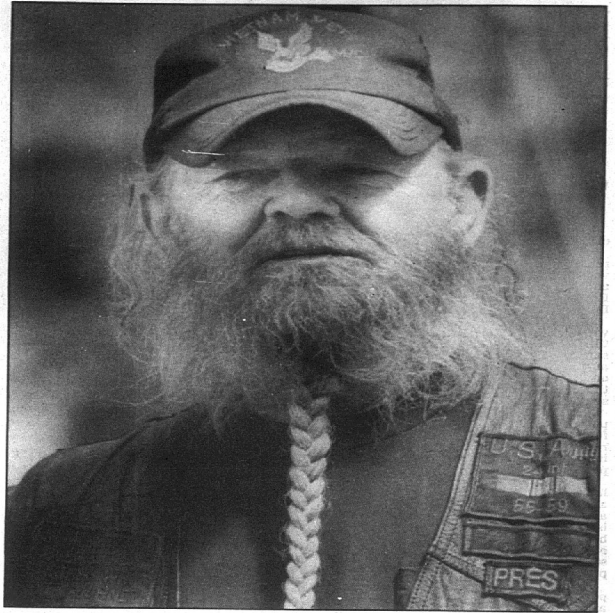
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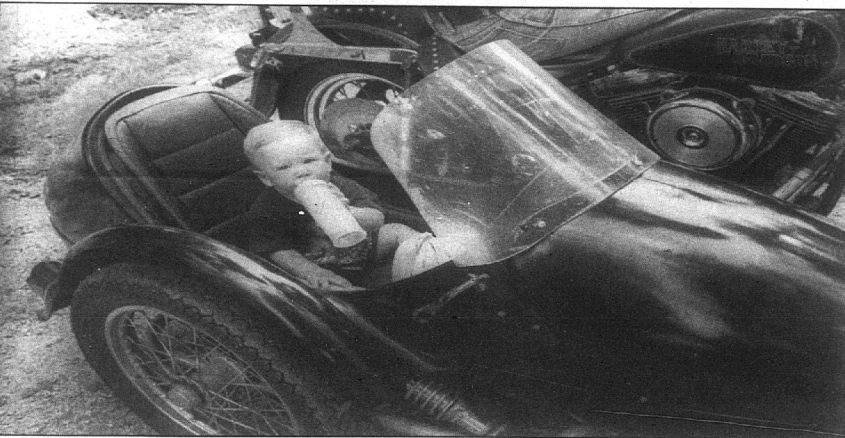
People



"Animal" from Granite City and "Pan Head" from Tamaroa are members of the Vietnam Motorcycle Club that participated in the Road Ride to benefit fellow Vietnam Veteran Dennis Reeves of O'Fallon.



(Staff photos by T.L. WITT)



Nine-month-old Benjamin Ricker, son of Randy and Elyse Ricker of Waterloo, has some lunch.

Road Ride helps a vet

By Debbie Johnson
Correspondent

It must have been an impressive sight — more than 300 motorcycles driving in a procession down the Great River Road.

The Eighth Annual Great River Road Ride, held Aug. 25, helped raise money for Dennis Reeves of O'Fallon. Reeves is a Vietnam veteran who suffers from a rare disease that turns his kidneys into a sponge-like material and causes large numbers of kidney stones.

The ride was organized by the Don Lindley Memorial Foundation, which was started by Gary Otremba to help raise money for the families of dying or disabled Vietnam veterans.

The foundation is named for Don Lindley, a Vietnam vet who died of lung cancer in July 1989. The Great River Road Ride is symbolic of a motorcycle ride Lindley wanted to

take with friends, but he died before he could do it.

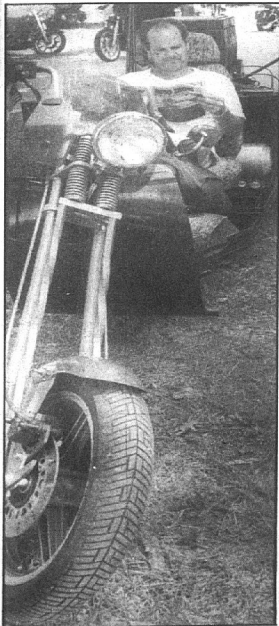
Otremba said the turnout for this year's ride was the biggest so far. He said he was pleased with how things turned out, but wishes organizations like his were unnecessary.

"It's not like we don't want to do it," Otremba said. "But we shouldn't have to."

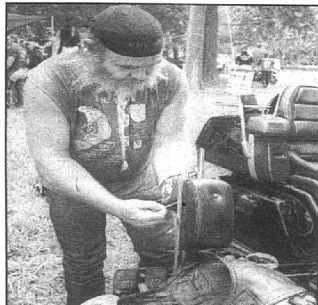
Otremba said that dying or disabled veterans often have financial difficulties because they cannot work or receive unemployment benefits. He said it often takes three to five years for paperwork to be processed in order for the family to receive veterans' benefits. And by the time the paperwork is processed, it is often too late.

Reeves said he was pleased with the help the foundation has provided his family.

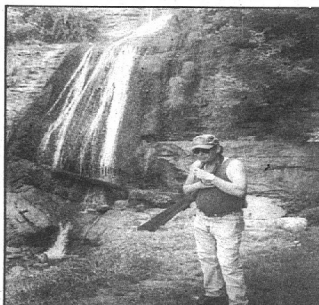
"It's fantastic," he said.



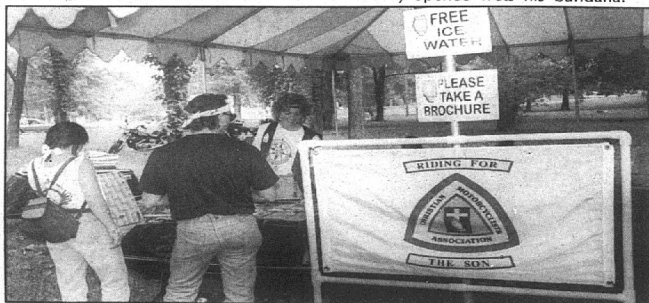
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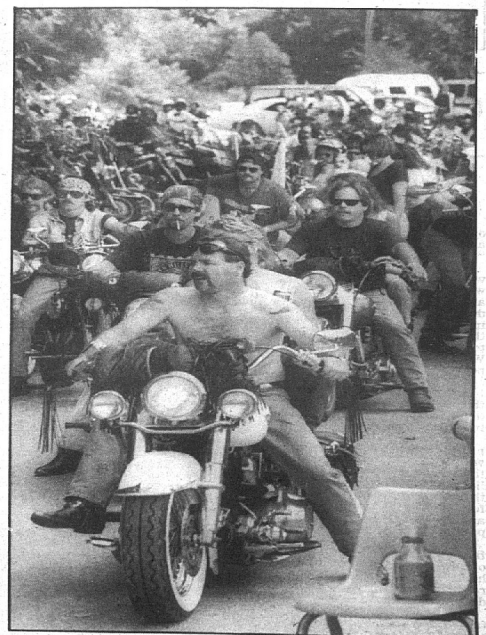
"Animal" checks his bike.



Gary Spence wets his bandana.



Participants look at literature from the Christian Motorcyclists Association.



Bikers line up for the start of the Great River Road Ride.

Heritage America at Mounds this weekend

40 Native American nations to attend

Heritage America, the largest Native American event in the St. Louis metropolitan area, will be held this weekend at Cahokia Mounds Historic Site, Collinsville.

Representatives of nearly 40 Native American nations will gather on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 27, 28 and 29, to share their history through dance, crafts, music, games and cooking.

The event is free and open to the public. Heritage America has become famous for its Native American dance performances.

Intertribal dance and music will kick off the weekend, beginning at 6:30 p.m. Friday. Children's Rabbit Dance, Northern Shawl, Grass, Two-Step and the Shawnee Stomp and Bell dances beginning at 8 p.m.

The grand opening ceremony and procession of dancers starts at 1 p.m. Saturday. The ceremony will feature brush and gourd dancers, followed by buffalo dances and the Comanche Crow Dance, which honors the veterans of all wars.

Intertribal dancing will run from 2 to 5 p.m.

and from 6:30 to 8 p.m. From 8 to 10 p.m. the special performances of Friday night will be repeated. Dance resumes once again at 1 p.m. on Sunday.

But the dancing is only part of Heritage America. There will be an Indian market under large tents with artisans and craftsmen demonstrating traditional beadwork, doll making, ribbonwork, moccasins making, archery, ceramics, silverwork and much more. Cherokee and Choctaw Indians will demonstrate cooking, blow gun making, flute making, games and traditional dances.

Heritage America is a free festival supported by the Arts and Education Council of Greater St. Louis, Illinois Art Council Ethnic/Folk Art, the National Endowment of the Arts and the American Indian Center of Mid-America.

Other sponsors include the Egyptian Radio Club, Med-Star Ambulance Inc., St. Clair Auxiliary Police, Illinois State Police, Cahokia Mounds State Historic Site, Museum Society and volunteers and the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency.

For more information, call (618) 346-5160.



(Staff photo by JOHN FRESE)

Upgrading — The Granite City Friends of Baseball will be donating half of the \$1,100 cost of grading and reseeding Dal Maxwell Field in Wilson Park. The field, along with the Granite City High School field, is one of two which meet regulations for baseball play at the juvenile and above levels — ages 16 and over — and is the home field of the Granite City Clippers club in the MonCler League. Pictured breaking ground for the project are, from left, Granite City park board commissioner David Dombek; Paul Kacera and Darren DePew from the Friends of Granite City Baseball; park district recreation supervisor Ray Hoffman; Dave Macios, owner of Sugarloaf Nursery, which will handle the landscaping; and park district director David Polivick.

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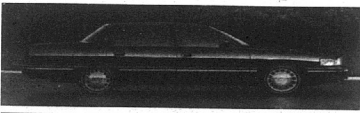
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County industry called major polluter of river

Reports finds dangerous chemicals dumped

Madison County industry has dumped large amounts of dangerous chemicals into the Mississippi River, according to a study released Tuesday by a private research group.

According to the study by the Washington-based Environmental Working Group, Illinois ranks fourth in the nation in the amount of toxic chemicals dumped into rivers and other waterways.

Madison County industrial facilities are listed in the report as some of the state's biggest culprits.

Shell Oil Co.'s Wood River Refining Complex, based in Roxana, is listed in the report as the state's largest contributor of persistent toxic metals to the Mississippi.

Richard Wiles of the Environmental Working Group said the persistent metals are some of the most dangerous chemicals that are being dumped into Illinois rivers.

"Persistent toxic chemicals are a big problem," he said. "These materials can cause cancer and learning disorders. They stay in the environment practically forever."

"These metals probably pose the greatest risk to human health, and they pose a problem for communities who take their drinking water from the Mississippi."

According to the report, Shell dumped 25,480 pounds of persistent metals into the Mississippi between 1990 and 1994.

Shell and two other Madison County facilities ranked in the top four in discharge of the toxic metals. East Alton-based Olin Corp. dumped 15,852 pounds and Clark Refining and Marketing's Hartford facility released 2,250 pounds over the four-year period, according to the report.

Shell officials could not be reached for comment late Tuesday.

In overall toxic chemical output, six of the state's top eight polluters are based in this area.

"There's a serious water quality problem in that area," Wiles said.

Wiles said the report was based on figures supplied by companies to the Environmental Protection Agency. Since many industries are not required to report discharges, he said the report only scratches the surface of the toxin problem.

"I'd say this represents only about 5 percent of toxins that are in the rivers," he said. Other sources can include agricultural and other runoff.

All of the reported discharges, which included ammonia, methanol, chlorine, aluminum and copper, were legal.

Some of the heaviest polluters are largely exempted from reporting requirements.

"We have the right to know more about the toxins that are discharged into our waterways," said Vivien Watts of the Illinois Public Interest Research Group, which worked with Environmental Working Group on the study.

The facility reporting the most toxic pollution of Illinois waters over the time period was a 3M Co. installation in Cordova on the Mississippi in Rock Island County, which dumped more than 14.8 million pounds of toxic chemicals, according to the report.

In terms of dumping from sewage systems, Illinois ranked first in the nation with 285 million pounds, according to the report.

— From The Telegraph

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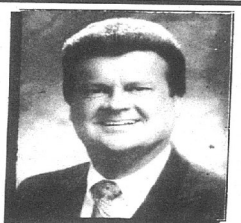
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Mildred Joyce of Granite City, a worker in Belleville Area College's Senior Aides program, helps Michael Rayphole, 3, make butter during a recent morning in the Kids Club. Michael is the son of Christi Simpson of Granite City.

Senior aide program

Retiree helps youngsters

Ten years ago Mildred Joyce was looking for a new job after working for 50 years in the retail clothing business.

Today, as a senior aide through Belleville Area College's Programs and Services for Older Persons, she works as a helper for the Kids Club at BAC's Granite City Campus, which provides daytime child care for the children of GCC students.

"I like being with kids," she said. "You see so many kids today that don't know how to play or have fun."

Joyce started working with the Senior Aides program in 1986 after seeing an ad in the newspaper.

Since starting with the program, Joyce has worked in child care, as a secretarial assistant for Harris School in Madison, and at the Phoenix Crisis Center in Granite City.

"I helped abused women contact different agencies for help," she said.

Senior aides work a minimum of 20 hours per week and are paid minimum wage, which is currently \$4.25 per hour.

In her present job, Joyce helps the children with their activities, serves them snacks and does anything else to help out Kids Club

director Marcia Reed.

"Mildred's great to have around," she said. "If I need her to come in early or stay late, she does."

"I'm really happy with the Senior Aides program," Reed added. "I think it helps to have kind of a grandmotherly influence around."

Joyce said she is glad that she has some positive impact on the children she assists, but realizes her influence is limited.

"You can only help with the foundation," she said. "The rest is up to them."

Joyce said she is also constantly amazed with the knowledge of the children, who are mostly between 3 and 5 years old.

There are times when you just sit there and say "hmmmm," she said.

She said she plans to continue working as a Senior Aide for as long as she can.

"Everything moves on," she said. "Once you're stopped, you start to deteriorate."

For information about BAC's Senior Aides program in Madison County, call 931-7018. For information about the GCC Kids Club, call 931-0600, extension 690.

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If a student enrolled in Granite City District #9 is absent from school without just cause, the student and parents or guardian may be charged on a violation of City Ordinance for each absence.

This notice is an attempt to inform all Granite City District #9 students, and their parents, or any person missing 10 days or more during the last school year, of the heightened effort to get students in school.

Questions may be directed to Paula Hubbard or Julie Adams at 876-2383.

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KTVI	2	Backstage	Jason	Rangers	Rest & Donnell	Hard Copy	Real TV	News	News	Entertain		
KMOV	4	As the World Turns	Guiding Light	Edison	Rescue 911	Young and the Restless	News	CEB News	News	AM Journal		
KSDK	1	Another World	Days of Our Lives	SiJuana	Jessy 911	Oprah Winfrey	News	News	News	Fortune		
KNLG	1	Home Life 12 Music	General Hospital	Panther	Rick Lala	Garfield	Flashback	BrunoKidd	Lite House	Larry Rice		
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KETC	2	Varied	Couch	Reppies	Darling	Music Bus	Bill Ny	Creatures	Wildbone	Barney	Stunt	News-Lehrer
KPLR	3	Jimmy Jones	Varied	Samurai	Bugs/Daity	Animanatics	Gargoyles	Quick Pack	Full House	Mr. Cooper	Step	Mad-Uyou
CABLE STATIONS												
SC	39	Movie Wheel	Street Signs	Market Warp					Tonite	Tonite	Tonight	Journal
CNN	23	CNN Today Cont'd	Talkback Live	Politics	Early Prime	Sho	Rowbiz	WorldView			Moneysline	Gossamer
NICK	33	GNN Today	Chimpunks	Nick in the Afternoon		You Ahead?	Stoke	Clarissa	Tiny Toon	Doug	Rugrats	
TNT	6	Movie	Wide World	Wanted		In the Heat of the Night	Reunite	The Series	to the Sport of the Night			
USA	30	Live With the People's Court	Love Connection	Highland	Top	Wings	Wings	Varied Programs				
ESPN	23	Varied Programs		Major League Baseball	Varied Programs							
DISC	24	House	Interior	Cuisine	Great Chefz	Travelers	Go for Real					
TBS	16	Movie Cont'd	Fantasies	Scobey	Just Quest	Saved-Bel	Local	Fam. Mat.	Bry.	Next Step		
TWC	36				Tax Mania	Local	Local	Fam. Mat.	Local	Local		
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PREMIUM STATIONS												
WHSN	10	Varied Programs				Movie		Movie				
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TNN	35	VideoPM	America's Country Hits	Dallas	Wildhorse Saloon	Club Dance		Dukes of Hazzard				
MTV	98	Music Videos Cont'd	Music Videos	MTV Jams	Real Rules	Varied	ReSmipmy	Supercop	Singled Out (Rest-'90s)			
LIFE	30	Movie		L.A. Live	Comish		Supermutt	News	News	Designing		
HN	33	News	News	News	News	News	News	News	News	News		
FAM	26	Home & Family Cont'd	ShopDroop	News	Small Talk	WaitTil	New Family Challenge	Carol Ent.	Whitons			
A&E	31	Varied Programs		Lovey Mysteries	Woman Movies	Mike Hammer	Quincy	Sheriff	Equalizer			
SCI FI	88	Sci-Fi Bradbury	Batman/Galactica	Sci-Fi	Sci-Fi	Sci-Fi	Sci-Fi	Sci-Fi	Sci-Fi	Sci-Fi		
HIST	96	Varied Programs	Real West	A.D.		Sci-Fi	Sci-Fi	Sci-Fi	Sci-Fi	Sci-Fi		
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HBO	14	Movie	Varied Programs		Movie		Varied	Movie				
SHOW	15	Movie	Varied Programs		Movie		Varied	Movie				
TMC	17	Movie	Movie	Varied	Movie	Varied Programs						
DISN	16	Donald	Pool	Movie		C. Brown	Tate Spis	DuckTales	Chip-Dale	Goof Troop	Movie	

Madison schools consider energy plan

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

The Madison School District is considering a proposal on energy management systems. At Thursday's board meeting, Superintendent Gary Allison said the district needed to consider such a system for the Madison Middle School.

The school has a 20-year-old heating and cooling system that is very inefficient, costing approximately \$300,000 per year to run, Allison said.

He said the savings from installing an energy management system could pay for itself in five to seven years.

School board members were expected to meet Monday afternoon to hear a presentation on energy management systems. Allison said the meeting would help board members understand how the technology works.

"I think they need to get a flavor for what it's all about," he said.

Allison said he hopes to be able to present a proposal for hiring a project manager sometime in October. He said installation could begin sometime this winter.

In other business, the board accepted the resignation of member Dannie Sipes Sr. and appointed Farris Smith to replace him.

Sipes, a lieutenant with the Madison County Sheriff's Department, said he is moving out of the district to the Pontoon Beach area.

Sipes was appointed to the school board in 1994, and won re-election to a two-year term last spring.

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— Gary Allison
Superintendent

He also spent about 13 years on the Madison fire department.

Smith is a former police chief in Venice and now a security guard at National Steel Corp. Neither attended Thursday's meeting. Sipes was ill, and Smith could not attend because of a death in the family.

The board also accepted the resignation of eighth-grade teacher Ron Crader, and Craig Nomm, the supervisor of the in-school suspension program at Madison High School.

The board also approved hiring James Thompson to replace Nomm, and also hired Sybil Banks as a clerk/typist.

•Fight

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Cook was applauded by the crowd, which had to be quieted by Horton several times during the hearing.

City officials said special taxing districts would have to be created for sewers, streets or sidewalks within East Madison if it is annexed.

Despite that, Madison residents said they didn't want to have to pay for improvements to East Madison.

Bea Stenitzer was one of those.

"If we annex you, it's going to cost me money," she said.

Others said the change in taxes and other fees such as garbage collection and building inspection would force them out.

Jim Steele, who lives in the 1800 block of Third Street, said

he was opposed because of the increased cost.

"I'm on a fixed income," he said. "If you people take over, I'm gone."

Madison County Board Member Don Garrett, also a Madison resident, said he was also opposed because the city needs to worry about its own problems, specifically West Madison.

"West Madison is a totally neglected area," he said. "The city of Madison should take care of Madison first."

He also said if East Madison was annexed, the city would also have to annex Eagle Park.

After Garrett's speech, Alderman Ron Grzywacz argued with him and accused Garrett of "running for office."

After listening to comments for about an hour, Horton said

it was "clear" that the crowd was against the annexation.

"It's always been my policy that if people want to be left alone, I leave them alone," he said.

Alderman John Hamm said there were several reasons to annex.

He said bringing in more people would give the city a better chance at obtaining Madison County Community Development funds and would increase the number of people who could serve on the fire department because fire department members have to be city residents.

"I have not heard anything about buying homes," he said.

He also said that upcoming projects would probably lower property taxes for Madison residents.

Lebanon festival Oct. 5

By Mark Hodapp
Staff writer

When Lebanon residents dance the Macarena Oct. 5, they will be joined by Mayor Frank Almeter.

"Heck, I am game," said Almeter. "My wife and I will be available. Just let us know the time and where at."

The Lebanon High School pom team and Spanish Club students will be leading the dance at the city's 29th Annual Fall Festival.

Both clubs want Lebanon to become the first city to dance the Macarena together.

Pom team Coach Earlene Lucy said the community will practice the dance at 11:15 a.m. Oct. 5 on the event's main stage.

The actual performance will start at 11:30 a.m. and occur along West St. Louis Street.

"I am hoping over 100 people participate," she said.

Carol Bennett, who is coordinating this year's fall festival, said she will probably not be able to participate.

"I will be just too busy," she said, followed by a laugh.

Bennett said over 3,000 people are expected to attend the festival. All of the proceeds raised will be donated to the local organizations.

The festival, which opens at 6 a.m. with a country breakfast, will take place along West St. Louis Street.

For more information, call 537-2184 (days) and 537-2525 (evenings).

•Issues

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said a company "new work systems" proposal would have eliminated the seniority system and the way workers bid on jobs. But the company dropped the proposal prior to arbitration, a source said.

Anybody who has lived in this country the past 15 years knows how important seniority is in climbing the work ladder," the worker said.

The employee said "outsourcing" work — hiring outside workers to perform tasks previously assigned to company employees — remains a concern to workers, but added that it is still possible for the two sides to reach an agreement before the arbitrator rules.

Unlike most arbitration cases where the arbitrator must choose one of two proposals — like Major League Baseball arbitration, for example — the arbitrator in this case has the option to choose the company's proposal, the union proposal, throw both out, combine the two or propose his own compromise.

National Steel is the fourth largest integrated steel producer in the country, with facilities in Indiana and Michigan as well as Granite City. The company employs more than 7,000 hourly workers.

•Identity

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had shoulder-length brown hair about a month ago and police believe she may be in her 20s.

According to a police report, the woman obtained an ATM card from a 22-year-old Alton man who works at American Steel Foundries in Granite City during the early morning hours Aug. 18 and apparently used the card to make several withdrawals in the following eight and a half hours.

The victim told police he and a friend left a Pontoon Beach tavern with the suspect and another unidentified woman at 3 a.m. Aug. 18. The group stopped at an ATM machine in Pontoon Beach to withdraw cash before heading to another Pontoon Beach tavern, the report states.

The victim obtained \$80 from the machine and handed the cash to his ATM card to the suspect, whom he said was sitting on his lap — to place in his wallet, he told police.

The following day, the victim noticed his ATM card was missing. He subsequently obtained a computer printout of his account history and discovered that 20 transactions were charged to his account between 3:30 a.m. Aug. 18 and noon the next day.

Police have several photographs of the woman transacting business with the card at ATM machines in Granite City.

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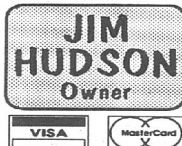
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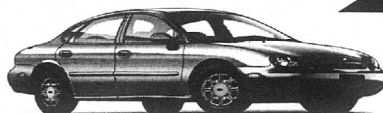
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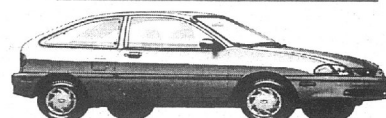
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Sports



Art Voellinger

O'Fallon grad too much for Bullets

I've never been too wild about girls playing against boys in high school activities, much less the same going on at the collegiate or professional levels.

Common sense has been my ally, and maybe that's why I've usually continued to flip while cable-surfing and spotting the Colorado Silver Bullets women's baseball team on television.

However, I blew it in late July when Mike Braatz, a 1991 O'Fallon High School graduate, appeared on national TV, playing against the Bullets.

After recently completing four years of military service with the Air Force and achieving the rank of captain, Braatz is returning to Northwestern University in graduate school to seek a master's of business degree.

While stationed at Hanscom (Mass.) Air Base just outside of Boston, Braatz was one of 15 athletes selected to play against the Bullets at Fenway Park in a game that followed a Red Sox-Baltimore Orioles major league contest.

An outstanding third baseman in high school, Braatz ripped a double and a triple to help lead the Hanscom team to an 8-0 victory. In the field, he also made two outstanding plays on ground balls and aided a one-hit strikeout pitching performance by ranging far into left field to catch a pop-up.

Braatz's double hit high off the left field wall (Green Monster) at Fenway, but missed being a home run by about a foot.

EXTRA INNINGS: By coincidence, another Braatz (no relation to Mike) gained recognition a night after the shutout loss when Ms. Kim Braatz of the Bullets hit a home run over the left field fence at a Cape Cod League park.

She is the first Colorado player to remember they are women — to hit a ball out of a park and for her efforts, she not only won a prize but will have the home run ball placed in Cooperstown's Hall of Fame.

Mike Braatz, meanwhile, received a distinct award as a going-away present from his co-workers, who gave him a cashed flag that had flown at Fenway Park the night of the Air Force men vs. the Bullets and also had flown over the USS Constitution.

Readers of this corner may recall Mike's dad, Jim Braatz of O'Fallon, as the author of an article entitled "The Mechanics of Pitching," which was noted here a few years ago.

For all the Braatzes, even one not related to the O'Fallon family, baseball obviously has a place of importance.

TEE NOTE: Make East St. Louis Beautiful, Inc., will hold its second annual ladies four-person scramble and golf benefit Saturday, Oct. 5 at Grand Marais Golf Course.

The cost is \$30 per person with flights and prizes to be determined by the number of entries. Hole sponsors are welcomed at \$100. Further information can be obtained by phoning Jackie Treesh at 397-4238 or 271-0700.

MESLE is a non-profit organization affiliated with Keep Illinois and Keep America Beautiful.

OVERTIME: When it comes to public relations, McKendree College is helping its image — win or lose — with football.

The return of football to the Lebanon school after a 45-year hiatus is featured on a poster that pairs the 1996 McKendree mascot, Bogle the Bearcat, with a 1923 Stutz Bearcat automobile.

More impressive, though, is a recent letter from McKendree athletic director Harry Statham to area schools, coaches and athletes pointing to football as one of the school's 16 major sports.

With that, Statham refers to complimentary tickets as among the many, many items that McKendree has to offer.

Kickers ride out Colts in tourney

By Rob Raphael
Staff writer

The Granite City Warriors got more offense on Tuesday night than they'd probably seen in weeks. Unfortunately, no one could finish the job.

Still, the Warriors got off to a good start in the Hazelwood Central Tournament by downing Parkway Central 1-0 Tuesday at the Gauntlet.

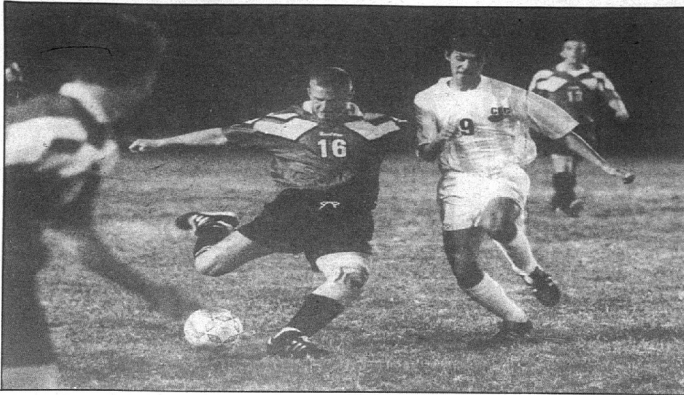
Granite City (4-5-2) scored a goal, but should have tallied at least a half-dozen.

Parkway Central (4-4-1) had its chances as well, but had trouble containing the Warriors in the midfield. The result was a bevy of chances, especially in the second half.

In fact, GCHS forward Cory Winfield could have scored four goals himself had his luck been better.

"We've got to put those away," said GCHS coach Gene Baker. "We had so many good chances. But there was more effort in general, and I told the guys we just need to come back in the next game and do the same thing."

Rain moved Monday's action to Tuesday, and the Warriors were scheduled to play Troy on Wednesday night. Troy played Howell North in Tuesday's second game and was behind 3-0 in the first half.



Kyle Briggs (16) beats CBC's Rich Doerr to the ball. The Warriors opened the Hazelwood Central Tournament on Tuesday with a 1-0 victory over Parkway Central.

"Howell North will be the easy," said Scott Mills, one of a handful of Warriors who continue to play well each time out, scored the only goal of Tuesday's match in the first half.

GCHS 1, Parkway Central 0

PARKWAY CENTRAL	0	0	0
GRANITE CITY	1	0	1

GCHS — First Half
GCHS — Scott Mills (Erio Edwards), 24:59

Second Half

No scoring			
Shots on Goal	6	2	8
PARKWAY CENTRAL	6	2	8
GRANITE CITY	6	2	8

Corner Kicks
PARKWAY CENTRAL 1 0 1
GRANITE CITY 4 4 8

Goalkeepers — Parkway Central: Ryan McIntyre (15 shots, 10 saves); Granite City: Jeremy Smith (8 shots, 6 saves).

Eric Edwards took a corner kick to the left of Parkway Central keeper Ryan McIntyre and fired the ball into a mess of players in front of the goal. When the ball came loose, Mills was there to put it away one second after the 15-minute mark.

"One problem we've had this year is that we seem to panic in situations like that, in either penalty area, really," said Central coach John Theobald. "We're calm in the middle of the field, but we don't react well close to the goal. We had a couple chances to just bomb the ball out of there, but we didn't. It was a good goal."

With a 1-0 lead going into the second half, the Warriors kept (See KICKERS, Page 38)

Golfers aiming for consistency

By Rob Raphael
Staff writer

The Granite City golf team continues to get solid individual efforts in their matches, but the team has yet to put things together.

Still, they are improving, as they are now 8-10 dual competition after falling to Belleville East on Tuesday and defeating East St. Louis and Lincoln.

In a conference matchup played at Clinton Hill Golf Course, East shot a 155 on the par-35 back nine to pick up three wins. Granite City was second at 169, while Lincoln was a distant third at 278. Apparently because it did not have enough golfers to field a scoring team, East Side forfeited the match.

Tim Goskie fired his best round of the year, as he lead the Warriors with a 4-over-par 39. John Mills was the next-best Warrior with 41, while Chris Carpenter shot a 44 and Ty Suhre finished with a 45.

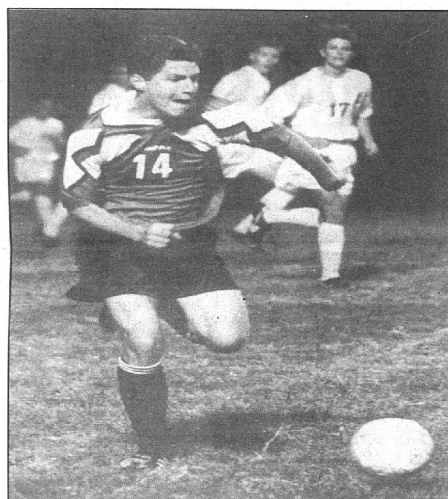
"Tim had a great day, his best so far," said GCHS coach Boone Chaney. "I think his best before Tuesday was a 43. It's great to see him coming around. If we could get every one to shoot well at the same time, we'd be in good shape."

Goskie became the fifth GCHS golfer to shoot below 40. Translate that into one match, and the Warriors would be one of the top programs in the area. But putting everything together is the key.

"There are two different sides to Clinton Hill," Chaney said. "It's a tough course." (See GOLFERS, Page 38)



Goskie



Dennis Holland dribbles upfield. The Warriors (4-5-2) were scheduled to play Troy on Wednesday night in the Hazelwood Central Tournament.

GCHS rebounds from KC trip in pool opener

By Rob Raphael
Staff writer

Granite City coach Gene Baker hoped the Warriors would return from Kansas City a different team.

Had the Warriors put the ball in the net Tuesday night, one would probably have said they looked reborn. Granite City had its share of chances against a St. Louis County school.

Parkway Central, in the track of pool play in the Hazelwood Central Tournament, "I thought it was a good game, and both teams had good chances," said Parkway Central coach John Theobald. "You could tell Granite City came ready to play."

"I thought we started off well, but things kind of regressed from that point," Baker said. "Our pressure was more sustained early. In the second half, we weren't playing as well as we were having trouble getting the guys to play a full 80 minutes."

The Warriors came out looking like a hungry lion, as they swarmed the Colts' defense for five shots in the first 10 minutes.

But later in the half, Central had the advantage in play.

The Warriors spent the weekend in Kansas City playing one of the best teams in the nation and one of the better teams in Missouri.

St. Thomas Aquinas, which has won four consecutive Class 5A titles in Kansas City, is currently the No. 1-ranked team in America as chosen by USA Today.

Aquinas put a 4-0 hurt on the Warriors last Friday, but when one considers Aquinas' stat-

(See GCHS, Page 38)

Warriors look to continue rise in Week 5 test at East

By Rob Raphael
Staff writer

The answer is no: Nick Petrillo has yet to come down out of the clouds.

Petrillo and the Warriors got a big relief Saturday when they defeated Lincoln 24-14. It's too bad the team doesn't get much time to celebrate, as they have a short week to prepare for what will be a very stiff opponent Friday night — Belleville East.

"I want to thank the Granite City fans who came out last week," Petrillo said. "I think there might have been more Granite City fans than there were Lincoln fans (at Jordan Stadium). It was mostly people who simply like Granite City football, and enjoy coming out to the games."

We saw them up there in the stands, and that helped carry us to the win. We appreciate that support. It's always good to get a win.

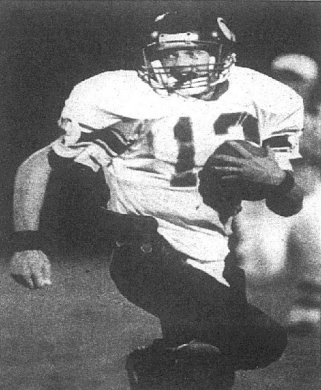
Petrillo said his team is improving, game by game, and that's what he wanted to see.

"The kids are developing self-confidence, and an understanding of the offense and defense," he said. "They're rising to the situation, and we made some changes. But mostly they're communicating."

East will be looking to beat up on somebody, after the Collinsville Kahoks rallied for a 28-25 win last week to drop the Lancers to 1-3.

and Granite City (1-3), which should have some momentum now, will have to keep that going if they want to challenge East. Kickoff is 7:30 p.m. Friday at Township Stadium in Belleville.

Lancers coach Mike McGinnis admitted his team was rebuilding, but he added that's no excuse for the way they've played late in



(Staff photo by JOHN SWISTAK JR.) GCHS quarterback Rocky Smith scrambles for yardage.

games this year.

The Lancers enter the game 1-1 in the (See WARRIORS, Page 48)

'Black Sunday' returning to Gateway International

The United Black Drag Racers Association of St. Louis, which has been holding "Black Sunday" charity drag races for eight years, will do so again this weekend at Gateway International Raceway, located on Illinois 203 just north of Interstates 55 and 70 in Fairmont City.

It is the third and final event of the Arby's Pepsi Sizzling September Days at Gateway.

In those eight years, the association has seen the event, and the African-American racing community, blossom in that time.

"But this is a race for every-

body. This is a picnic for all racers and race fans," said UBDRA president Darrel Williams, as he prepares for this year's festivities Saturday and Sunday.

And as Williams surveyed the new quarter-mile drag strip, he felt like he had just found the Picnic Grove in Heaven.

"I've been coming to races here with my father since I was 6 years old. I remember when Don Garlits put his blow-off belt in the drag and they had to dig it out of the asphalt," he said. "I've loved

(See RACE, Page 48)

USMS point leaders set to race in T-C feature

The United States Modified Series (USMS) will travel to Tri-City Speedway this weekend for the McKay Auto Parts Dirt Works Race Cars Fall Nationals.

The 50-lap feature, which will include a fuel stop at the halfway point, pays \$2,000 to the winner.

All the stars of the USMS are expected to compete, including current points leader Kelly Shryock of Story City, Iowa. Shryock is well on his way to a second consecutive USMS title, but will still be receiving stiff competition

from Mark Nobel of Blooming Prairie, Minn.

Also scheduled to compete, and still in the points race, are John Allen of Chanute, Kan.; Ron Jones of Elk River, Minn.; Troy Genzill of Ponca City, Okla.; and Scott Holbert of Freeport, Ill.

Those drivers represent the top six competitors in the current USMS points race.

A strong contingent of area drivers will also do battle, including track favorites John and Tom Seets of Brighton, Ill. Over 50 modified race cars are (See TRI-CITY, Page 48)

Stats 'n stuff

Prep football

Southwestern Conference			
Team	W	L	Overall
Edwardsville	2	0	4
Collinsville	2	0	4
East St. Louis	1	1	3
Belleville East	1	1	3
Belleville West	1	1	3
Granite City	1	1	3
Alton	0	2	2
ESS Lincoln	0	2	2

Friday, Sept. 28
Belleville West 7, Alton 6
Collinsville 28, Belleville East 25
Edwardsville 41, East St. Louis 0

Saturday, Sept. 21
Granite City 24, ESS Lincoln 14

Friday, Sept. 27
ESS Lincoln at Alton, 7:30 p.m.
East St. Louis at Collinsville, 7:30
Belleville West at Edwardsville, 7:30
Granite City at Belleville East, 7:30

Cahokia Conference			
Team	W	L	Overall
Freeburg	3	0	3
Carlyle	3	0	3
Waterloo	1	1	2
Dupo	1	2	1
Red Bud	1	2	1
Columbia	0	2	2
Breese Central	0	2	2

Friday, Sept. 28
Carlyle 14, Dupo 8
Freeburg 21, Waterloo 7
Red Bud 14, Columbia 13
Buda Bureau Valley 23, Breese Central 0

Friday, Sept. 27
Freeburg at Carlyle, 7:30
Mascoutah at Dupo, 7:30
Red Bud at Waterloo, 7:30
Columbia at Breese Central, 7:30

Mississippi Valley Conference			
Team	W	L	Overall
Triad	1	0	4
Highland	1	0	3
Roxana	1	0	3
Civic Memorial	2	1	2
Mascoutah	0	1	2
Jerseyville	0	2	2
Wood River	0	2	2

Friday, Sept. 28
Highland 40, Civic Memorial 7
Triad 55, Wood River 14
Newton 34, Roxana 6

Saturday, Sept. 21
Mascoutah 17, Jerseyville 8

Friday, Sept. 27
Roxana at Civic Memorial, 7:30
Mascoutah at Dupo, 7:30

Triad at Jerseyville, 7:30
Highland at Wood River, 7:30

South Seven Conference			
Team	W	L	Overall
Cahokia	2	0	4
O'Fallon	1	0	3
Marion	1	1	2
Centralia	1	1	2
Mount Vernon	1	2	2
Carbondale	0	2	2

Friday, Sept. 28
Cahokia 28, Marion 7
Centralia 19, Carbondale 13
O'Fallon 34, Mount Vernon 9

Friday, Sept. 27
Carbondale at Cahokia, 7:30
Marion at Mount Vernon, 7:30
Centralia at O'Fallon, 7:30

Independents			
Team	W	L	Overall
Albion	3	0	3
M.E. Lutheran	0	0	0

Friday, Sept. 28
Albion 28, Riverview Gardens 22

Friday, Sept. 27
Albion at Indianapolis Southport, 7:30
Metro East Lutheran at Moweaqua
Central A&M, 7



The Granite City Flames women's softball team took first place in the playoffs and finished tied for first place during the regular season. Members of the team include (front row from left) Patty Thomas, Beverly Meyer, Kathy Parker, Dee Cionko; (middle row) Laura Wyatt, Amy Killian, Bobby Haddix, Sandy Margrave, manager Rebecca Schooley; and (back row) Elaine Rodgers, Kelly Johnson, Claudia Stephens and Cindy Johnson. Not pictured: Jessica Thomas, Tammy Easley, Karen Wesley, Lori Hillmer, coach Mark Johnson. The team is sponsored by the Law Offices of William Schooley Jr.

Cross country

31st Edwardsville Invitational
Sept. 21 at SIUE

Boys results
Team standings
1. Belleville West, 2. Collinsville 104, 3. Mater Dei 115, 4. Mt. Vernon 140, 5. Centralia 154, 6. Lincoln 154, 7. O'Fallon 195, 8. Edwardsville 232, 9. Pattonville 238, 10. Belleville East 232, 11. Highland 290, 12. Edwardsville 'B' 307, 13. Wentzville 403, 14. St. Charles 426, 15. Brentwood 520, 16. Belleville West 'B' 547, 17. Edwardsville 'C' 592, 18. Civic Memorial 622.

Local finishers
BELLEVILLE WEST: 1. Freudenberg, 4. Rodman, 6. Wisdom, 14. Dietrich, 27. Mike Knysak, 72. Andy Matecki.
COLLINSVILLE: 2. Nuernberger, 16. Justin Wilson, 23. Yi Hyong, 24. Jake Glauber, 29. Allan Annaert, 39. Nick Dowling, 42. Skip Johnston, 43. Tim Zickus, 50. Sean Flynn.
LINCOLN: 7. Beatty, 20. Charles Shaw, 36. Jamie Franklin, 37. DeMarcus Fisher, 44. Mike Gilmore, 67. Tim

16.16, 6. Greg Storm (Cent) 16.26, 7. Warnickie Beatty (Linc) 16.29, 8. Ray Wisdom (BW) 16.33, 9. Robbie Von Alst (MD) 16.35, 10. Sean Clark (MTV) 16.40, 11. Pat Brown (Pat) 16.44, 12. Tim Horstman (Pat) 16.45, 13. Mark Giedeman (BE) 16.54, 14. Phil Dietrich (BW) 16.55, 15. Justin Arnason (Cent).

Brown, 90. Jason Perry, 140. Napoleon Edwards.
O'FALLON: 22. Nat Speer, 26. Clayton Bachner, 41. Ryan Gill, 52. Troy Bedard, 55. Andrew Wells, 57. Carl Bodin, 75. Tim Seipp, 99. Andy Perodean, 104. Chris Drury, 122. Craig Roberts, 135. Andrew Barringier.

EDWARDSVILLE: 25. Sean Beckwith, 26. Matt Simpson, 49. Matt Wallace, 56. Mark Patty, 59. Joe Hines, 70. Joe Hohnstein.
BELLEVILLE EAST: 13. Giedeman, 30. Zach Schwebel, 35. Ron Carrison, 63. Pat Treese, 91. Blake Edwards, 120. Joe Harr, 123. Mike Best.

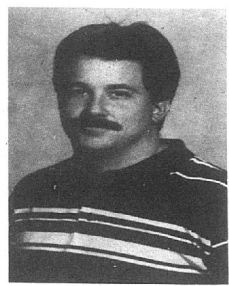
EDWARDSVILLE 'B' team: 40. Ken Williams, 75. James Sones, 85. Josh Hartley, 86. Todd Jones, 94. Mick Kender, 113. Chris Jurgens, 116. Peter Gent.

BELLEVILLE WEST 'B' team: 100. Ryan Rhodes, 101. Dan Reed, 105. Kyle Leeman, 109. Todd Griffin, 132. Keith Kaminski.

CAHOKIA (no team score): 53. Josh Harper, 78. Joe Johnson, 80. Tim Reagan, 155. Mike Roagan.

GRANITE CITY (no team score): 68. Ed Connolly, 91. Robert Lampert, 136. Bobby Pritchard.

TRIAD (no team score): 62. Jason Grace, 126. Steve Van Hoose, 134. Ben Brookman.



Bill Puhse

Puhse rolls 1st 300 game

Bill Puhse of Granite City bowled a 300 game in his first game of the season Aug. 24 at Bowling. It was the first 300 game ever for Puhse, whose previous high game was 299. Puhse, 26, and his wife, Gina, bowl for the Spare Us team in the Spouse and Mouse League. He has been bowling since age 7, when he began bowling in junior leagues. He has recorded a total of 10 700 series with a high of 724. Puhse carries a 195 average. He is a math teacher at Granite City High School.

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Kickers

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the pressure on the Colts' goal. Winfield had his first chance of the half in the 53rd minute, and Edwards was wide open for a split-second a minute later, but his shot was blocked at the last instant.

In the 24th minute, Winfield had a header chance that sailed just over the crossbar. Another opportunity was lost when the sophomore right-footed a shot that went just wide. Mills and Dane Bauer had quality chances late in the half, as did Adam Sanchez.

Jonas Janek had what looked like a sure score in the 75th minute, but McIntyre made a spectacular save and deflected the ball just over the crossbar. "We did some things well, but some other things we could be doing better," Baker said. "We just need to develop some consistency. This should have been a 5-1, 6-1 game. We barely hung on."

"At times, we didn't defend well," Theobald said. "But we hung in there, and late in the game we were dangerous with a chance to tie the game."

GCHS

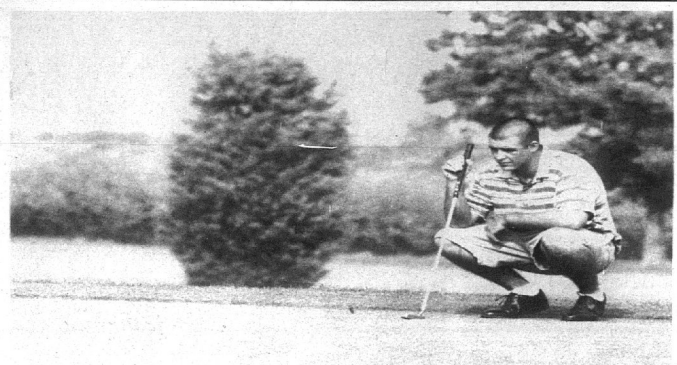
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ure, that's not a bad score. Or is it? "It was a good game, we were down 1-0 on a head-turner, which we have problems with," Baker said. "And late in that first half, we were actually coming on well."

"Then in the second half, when our defense was away from our bench, we go through a bad stretch of two or three minutes and they score three goals, one after the other. That's the way we are. When we get unattentive, we're in trouble. We just shut down, mentally."

Not what Baker was looking for. On Sunday, the Warriors dropped a 2-1 decision to Rockhurst, a game which Baker said should have resulted in something better, as well. Right now, this is hardly the team Baker had hoped for at this stage, but the good news is there's time remaining. "This week we'll find out a lot, and hopefully by the Tournament of Champions we'll be a closer group," he said.

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(Staff photo by JOHN FRESSE)

Pat Logan lines up a putt. The Warriors are scheduled to play host to Mascoutah and Civic Memorial in a dual match today.

Golfers

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and the second one is short, where you use a lot of irons off the tees. Tim did a good job of that."

Leading the Lancers was Dan Johnson, who led all golfers with a 1-under 34. Brent Jackson was next at 36, and Eric DeFosse finished at 42. Three East golfers shot a 43.

Michael Hume's 61 led the way for the Tigers, who are in their first year of organized golf.

GCHS recovered well from a double loss last Thursday at Alton against Alton and Collinsville. And two days before that, the Warriors split with Mascoutah and O'Fallon.

In the latter match, Pat Logan became the fourth Warrior to shoot below 40 with a 38 on the front nine at Arlington.

As a team, the Warriors fired a 162, second to O'Fallon's 156.

"Still, that's the best we've shot as a team all year," Chaney said. "Of course, that was at Arlington, too."

The Warriors remain strong at home at Arlington, but are trying to pick up their game on the road. Tuesday's match at Clinton Hill was not a bad start.

Granite City moves on to a home dual match against Mascoutah and Civic Memorial today, then participates in the Centralia Tournament on Saturday.

The tournament, a three-team, two-man best ball format, will feature 11 teams from southern Illinois besides the Warriors—Centralia, Salem, Carbondale, Mascoutah, Mt. Vernon, Nashville, Belleville West, Belleville East, Marion, O'Fallon and Collinsville.

Journal Writers' Poll Football

LARGE SCHOOLS

1. Hazelwood East (3-0)..... 70
2. Hazelwood Central (3-0)..... 58
3. Edwardsville (4-0)..... 55
4. Mehlville (3-0)..... 50
5. CBC (3-0)..... 47
6. Francis Howell (3-0)..... 29
7. Parkway North (1-1)..... 28
8. Cahokia (4-0)..... 16
9. Pattonville (2-1)..... 13
10. Parkway South (3-0)..... 7

Also receiving votes: SLUH (2-1), Triad (4-0), and East St. Louis (3-1).

SMALL SCHOOLS

1. Freeburg (4-0)..... 68
2. Herculaneum (3-0)..... 60
3. MICDS (2-0)..... 52
4. St. Charles West (3-0)..... 45
5. Priory (2-1)..... 33
6. Waterloo (3-1)..... 31
7. John Burroughs (1-1)..... 24
8. Berkeley (3-0)..... 19
9. Lutheran North (3-0)..... 16
10. Duchesne (3-0)..... 11
11. Ladue (2-1)..... 11

Also receiving votes: Althoff (3-1) and Crystal City (3-0).

Journal Writers' Poll Boys Soccer

1. CBC (4-1-1)..... 63
2. Hazelwood Central (7-0)..... 54
3. Aquinas-Mercy (6-1)..... 53
4. (tie) SLUH (5-2-1)..... 43
4. (tie) DeSmet (6-3)..... 43
6. Francis Howell N. (9-0-2)..... 37
7. Summit (7-0-1)..... 33
8. Chaminade (7-1-1)..... 31
9. St. Mary's (4-2-2)..... 6
10. Collinsville (4-2-2)..... 5

Also receiving votes: Fox, Rosary, Oakville, O'Fallon, Hazelwood West, St. Dominic, St. Plus, Lindbergh.

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•Tri-City•

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expected over the two days of racing Saturday and Sunday. "This should be a great weekend of racing, and one of the more competitive events of the year for us," said USRA spokesman Dale Danieliski. "We have Pro Stocks and Street Stocks that will compete as well, for even more prize money."

"We always enjoy coming back to Tri-City Speedway, and look forward to another successful weekend. We invite all the area racing fans to come on out."

Modified drivers will be allowed to put their entry money from the twice-rained-out Triple Crown series last spring toward the entry fees at Tri-City. The entry fee ranges from \$65 pre-entry or \$90 late-entry. Entries will also be taken at the track on race day.

NASCAR, UMP, WISSOTA and IMCA modifieds are also eligible to compete this weekend, but they must race on the Hoosier A40 and D40 tires, or the McCreary American Racer.

Pit gates will open both days at 3 p.m., with hot laps at 6 and racing set for 7. For more information, call Starmaker Productions at (319) 373-7771 or Tri-City Speedway at 931-7836.

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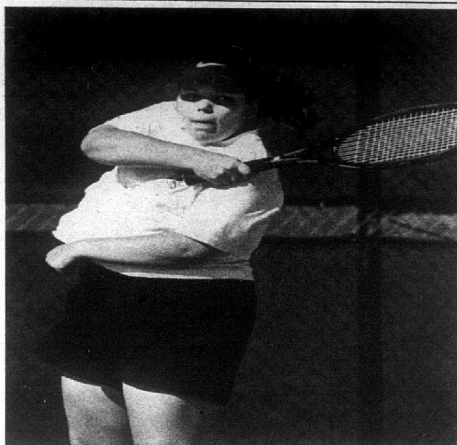
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this place, and racing for years."

Williams is a 37-year-old transmission specialist who races a 1966 Chevy II in the Super Pro class during Gateway's weekly programs.

He believes Black Sunday could draw "as many as 600-700 cars, from the calls we've been getting. The other day we got 26 calls from people in places like Cleveland, New Orleans and Kansas City. They're coming, and they're bringing eight to 10 friends with them. It's a real get-together."

Gates will open at 9 a.m. Saturday, and Test and Tune starts at 1 p.m. The afternoon will be a Run for Charity bracket event, with 80 percent of the purse going to the winner and 20 percent to Faith



(Staff photo by JOHN SWISTAK JR.)

GCHS tennis player Melissa Nelson returns a shot. The Lady Warriors are scheduled to play in the Civic Memorial Tournament on Saturday.

House of St. Louis, a refuge for infants and young children of drug-abuse homes.

Sunday's action begins at 1:30 p.m. with the Super Pro, Pro, Motorcycles and Trophy Cars Racers vying for trophies and a portion of the \$7,000 purse — with \$2,000 going to the Super Pro winner.

There will also be a special "Closest to the Dial-In" event during Sunday's third round of time trials, set for 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. All first and second-round losers in Sunday's race can enter a special jackpot event. A portion of the proceeds from those two features will also go to Faith House.

A year ago, the UBDRA's donation from the event allowed Faith House to refurbish and furnish a bedroom for toddlers at the facility.

There will also be exhibition runs by Jimmy Brewer of

Cleveland in his 100-mph wheelstanding 1933 Willis pickup truck; the 7-4-second Outlaw Pro Stock of East St. Louisan Willie Washington; and a special Pro Modified motorcycle race between Curtis Winston of St. Louis and Keith Dennis of UBDRA's brother organization, the Memphis Racers Association.

Advance tickets to Sunday's action are \$10 and include a coupon for a free Sunday lunch. Tickets can be purchased by calling Williams at (314) 968-1720, or from any UBDRA member.

Admission at the gate is \$12 for adults and free for children 12 and younger when accompanied by a paying adult. Arby's and Pepsi are also offering \$2-off coupons, available at Arby's Restaurants, All-Pro Auto Stores and at the Casino Queen.

Sports shorts

Punt, Pass and Kick
The Charles Melvin Price Support Center in Granite City will hold the only Punt, Pass and Kick competition in the Granite City area 5 p.m. until dusk Monday, Sept. 30 at the Support Center. There is no cost to enter the event, which is open to children ages 15.

Sign-ups will be taken at the CMPS Youth Center, located in Building 191. A copy of a birth certificate is required. Awards will be given to all who participate, and winners in each age group advance to regional competition.

For more information, call 452-4632.

Suech memorial tourney
The Gabe Suech Memorial Golf Tournament will be held Sunday, Oct. 20 at the Bell Park Golf Course in Wood River. The 18-hole, four-person scramble tournament will begin with a shotgun start at 9 a.m.

The tourney will be held on behalf of Gabriel Suech, a soccer player at Lindenwood College who was tragically killed in an automobile accident July 5. The Suech family is setting up a scholarship in Gabe's name, and the tournament will benefit the scholarship fund. All proceeds will go directly to Gary Greene, the Director of Institutional Advancement at Lindenwood, for the sole purpose of benefiting the soccer scholarship fund.

The cost per person is \$75 and features cart, food, drinks and prizes, as well as attendance prizes and cash prizes from several contests during the tournament. A skins game will be available as well.

The deadline for registration is Oct. 7. For more information, call (314) 355-1795.

Coeed volleyball
The Granite City Park District is planning a coed volleyball league to be played on Tuesday nights beginning Nov. 5.

Games will be played 7 p.m. at Coolidge Middle School. The entry fee is \$175 per team, plus \$25 for each non-resident on the roster.

Registration is under way and closes Oct. 11. For more information, call the Wilson Park office at 877-3059.

Baseball tryouts
The Bulldogs Midget 1 Baseball Club is holding tryouts for the 1997 season. Players must be born after July 1, 1984. For more information, call (314) 888-7768.

OATH Golf tourney
OATH, the Organization for Advancement of the Handicapped, will present its Seventh Annual Charity Golf Tournament on Oct. 18 at Arlington Golf Course. A \$35 donation per person includes the entry fee, cart, dinner and beverages.

Attendance prizes include a grand prize for the winning team, plus an optional skins game. Golf sponsorships are available for \$50, and greens fees will be paid at the course. Four-person scramble teams are welcome, and the tourney will set up individuals in teams as well.

For information or to register, stop by the OATH office on 7th Street in Madison, or call the office at 878-3178.

Flag football program
The Granite City Park District is organizing its Flag Football Program. The league will play on Monday nights and Saturday nights at George Sykes Field in Wilson Park. The league is for boys in grades 3-6. Registration is being taken at the Wilson Park office.

The fees for the program are \$20 for district residents and \$30 for non-residents. Helmets and shoulder pads are furnished by the Park District. For more information, call the park office at 877-3059.

Soccer tournaments
The Celtic United Soccer Club will host two indoor tournaments this fall.

The first tournament, for boys and girls teams from kindergarten through U-10, will be played Oct. 14-20 at Jamestown Sports in North County. The second tournament, for boys K-U-14 teams and girls K-U-18 teams, will be held Oct. 5-6 and 12-13 at Concord Sports Club in South County.

The cost for each tournament is \$25 per team, with two games guaranteed. For applications or more information, call white Celtic United Soccer Club, P.O. Box 13403, St. Louis, Mo., 63138.

•Warriors•

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Southwestern Conference, while the Warriors also stand at 1-1.

"We were fortunate to get the one win against Belleville West Sept. 13," McGinnis said. "And last week we basically gave that game away, although I don't want to take away from the effort of Collinsville."

It was the first time since 1979 that Collinsville defeated Belleville East on the football field. The Kahoks trailed 19-12 at halftime but outscored the Lancers 16-6 in the second half for the victory.

"The entire game basically came down to a series of plays, when we recovered a fumble," McGinnis said. "But we couldn't do anything with it, and gave it right back to them. They drove down the field and stuck it to us."

Petrillo said he knows the Lancers will be ready.

"We saw the Collinsville-East game, and frankly we were impressed with both teams," he said. "East has a fine team, but they kind of shot themselves in the foot last week. That game was more like a track meet than a football game."

"East has an outstanding quarterback (Ron Oliver), who's strong and fast. And their big running back (Darrell Scruggs) is a very good I-back. It's a typically solid East team."

Although Petrillo is worried about the Lancers' speed, McGinnis said his club isn't much faster than the Warriors.

"From what we know, they're a lot like us," McGinnis said. "They're not real quick, but they're solid and disciplined — and they never ever give up. We understand they've had a habit of letting teams get out in front, and then coming right back into the game. We can't let up. We still want to compete for the conference."

"We have good backs, and decent receivers, and Rocky (Smith) will get more comfortable (at quarterback)," Petrillo said. "The key is the line-men. We preached that, and they had a great week — in practice, and in the game."

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Horoscope

Thursday, Sept. 26

The moon transits into Cancer, inspiring many a couple to stay in for the weekend. Entertaining where someone lives is not only lucky but actually produces more opportunity than hitting the town. Though many people seem to be loners now, this is only a facade. Break down the defenses of others and get them to join the fun. The Libran sun promises good things out of small groups working together.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). A work-related social event is a must to attend. Your credibility with a lover is questioned. Respond in your own time. Decisions concerning a child are best left up to a professional.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20).



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Socialize with a new crowd of people to find a lover who sizes. Realize an unusual talent through goofing around with co-workers at lunch or on a break. Delay work to be done on new projects until a plan is firmly established.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Good news about money puts you in a more positive mental state. A sporting event is an impetus for a new career path. Relatives seek to blame you, but if you stick to the truth, they will not be able to find you faulty.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You have instant rapport in meetings with executives of similar age. Use tact with a close friend when correcting him or her. Disregard what the populous does, and follow your own creative path.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Employers notice your strict adherence to the rules and reward you in kind. A friend of a lover is making advances toward you that must be stopped quickly. Relax, and clear your mind — your spirit

needs restoration!

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Sept. 26). Make up your mind now and all your plans are graced with extra luck. It's important that you surround yourself with positive role models and powerful people. The changes that you long to make begin to happen in the last week of November. Love lifts you up in December, making the holiday season stressful but exciting. Adventure really begins in January, when changes in living arrangements and/or career direction bring more security to your financial picture.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). A spur-of-the-moment trip is the spot for a business connection that is too good to be true. Someone you counted on — and who let you down — is

seeking a second chance. Refuse to back down on an ethical issue.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You are surrounded by people who are willing to help but need a cue from you. Be careful not to vent anger in inappropriate ways. Strong convictions impress loved ones, but be flexible with family.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Probe for the cause of a family member's actions. Teens cry out for guidance. Stop postponing those things you want to do. Your financial future is perfect. Aries has ways of getting under your skin.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). A failed attempt is nothing to be ashamed of. In fact, there are still benefits in this enterprise for you. In love,

stop vacillating. Good luck comes when you make up your mind.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Far-ranging ventures are more likely to succeed than things close to home. A legal decision favors you. Finalize matters causing anxiety. Make plans now to enlarge or remodel your home.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You can't prove you are right, so drop the matter until you can. Past relationships are not at all helpful. Bridge age gaps by leveling with children about personal plans.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). A day of creative ideas may be far-fetched, but you'd be surprised how viable they really are. Get the inside scoop at work. You make excellent first impressions.

Crossword Puzzle

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Nightclub offers 'magical' evenings

By Kevin Carbery
Staff writer

Many nightclubs promise patrons an evening of magic, but only one local club specializes in it.

Film Flam, 6227 Delmar Blvd. in University City, is a club owned by a pair of magicians who wanted a home of their own after years of working in other venues. What they came up with is something unique in the area, if not the nation.

"We are an intimate cabaret theater specializing in sleight of hand," said Dennis Schoen, co-owner of the club with fellow magician Chris Rayman. "What we do is different from what people see on television."

It is also a type of show that would be hard to come across anywhere else, Rayman said. "You'll find guys who will come to you and work from behind a bar, but you won't find anybody working in a theater with tiered seating, full computerized theatrical lighting and a digital sound system," Rayman said. "There had been magic clubs before in the country, but they were not set up like comedy clubs."

Rayman, 33, of south St. Louis, and Schoen, who said he is older than 33, of Clayton,

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opened the club a year ago with the hope that magic would be a strong enough draw to keep it in business.

So far, so good, the magic men said.

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Schoen said there is a common perception that magic is more of interest to men than women, but the club appears to be drawing both sexes about equally.

"A lot of guys will tell you they had a magic set when they were 5," he said. "I think, sometimes, women come in to appease their dates, but they enjoy it, too."

The shows are one-man acts, with Schoen working one week, then Rayman performing the next.

"The actual brand of magic is close-up magic," Schoen said. "It's like one-man magic theater."

Rayman added, "It's mostly sleight of hand — card manipulation, coins. It's not what Uncle Charlie does."

"By the time we do a sequence, people think the cards can stand up and dance by themselves," Schoen said. The Film Flam theater seats about 40, thus giving everyone in the audience a clear view of the magician in action.

Rayman noted that no member of the audience is farther away than 12 feet from the performer.

"One of the nice things is,

even if you know magic, coming in here is very different," Rayman said. "With my show is an explanation of the magic and a lot of comedy."

The acts are constantly changing, the men said. "Part of it is we involve the spectators so much," Schoen said. "Because of the people, the shows change."

"Because the show is so intimate, the audience is part of it," Rayman said. "The audience is as much of an element of the show as the lighting or the props."

Rayman, a full-time

professional musician who has performed in Branson, Mo., and toured the country with his act, said he is glad to have a home base for his show.

"A lot of it, for me, was I was sick of touring," said Rayman, who also owns a magic shop at Six Flags over Mid-America. "I lived in hotel rooms, did cruise ships."

Schoen, who works in architectural design as well as performs magic professionally, has also produced magic books and products.

For further information about Film Flam, call 862-4422.

No evidence of tainted berries

State officials say there is no indication Maine berries are contaminated with a parasite that has sickened two Mainers and 1,000 people in 11 other states.

Officials worry that early reports linking the parasite to strawberries or raspberries could hurt sales of the state's \$2 million annual crop.

"If people are buying native strawberries, we would have every reason to believe that those are safe and healthy to eat," said Rod McCormick, a planner with the Maine Department of Agriculture.

State epidemiologist Kathleen Gensheimer said there is no evidence that locally grown berries are tainted with cyclospora, a one-cell organism that can cause diarrhea and abdominal cramps. But she says she's not ready to declare them safe.

"I think it would be misleading to let anyone think we had clear answers," she said. "People in Maine sometimes think we're special, we're not going to be affected by these things in other states. We can't sit back and assume everything's okay."

Gensheimer said washing fruit and other produce is a sound precaution against cyclospora and other organisms that can cause sickness.

Cyclospora is passed from the feces of animals that come in contact with water or food, Gensheimer said. Past cases have been associated with water, though not public water supplies.

Symptoms show up a week after a person is infected, and some people may show no symptoms. Only people with cramps and diarrhea serious enough to see a doctor have a chance of being diagnosed, she said.

Maine farmers and agriculture officials say they are

making sure people don't forgo fresh fruit during the prime season.

"It would be a catastrophe if they said 'I'm not going to eat any strawberries until they find out what it is,'" said Kenneth Maxwell, owner of

Maxwell's Farm. "You can get something from these strawberries, I suppose. They get blessed by seagulls every day. But (experts) seem to think this is more from polluted water."

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